



Holy Trinity Council 9990 News



Volume 37
Issue 7 Sep 2025



Grand Knight — Mike Patterson

AUGUST 2025

My Dear Brother Knights,
Greetings from the leadership team of Council #9990.
We are about to open the 2025-2026 Council year. Your exec will meet in late August to begin planning our activities. The first General Meeting is set:

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 2 @ 7:00 PM SHARP!

Please make every effort to attend. Brace yourself because big changes are planned! We hope you will notice and appreciate the new meeting format and content we have planned. And bring a friend!
Vivat Jesus!

Mike



Andy Airess— Faithful Navigator Assembly 34

aaairriess@msn.com

Looking at Facebook this morning, I see this picture: An honor guard as posted by the Filipino Catholic Ministry-Vancouver. This is wonderful! Well done Sir Knights! It would be even better if this post and others like it were on the BC & Yukon K of C Facebook page. In the last almost 2 months I have received exactly one email from a council (out of 120+ councils) with their project detailed. These pictures and council stories help inspire donations to the Knights and those we support, interest in membership, prayer and reverence

Holy Trinity Council 9990

Meetings

6234 Spartan Road, Nanaimo, BC

General

7:00 P.M. First Tuesday of the month in the **Boardroom**

Planning

7:00 P.M. Third Tuesday of the month: Meeting room



Visit our web site

<https://www.trinty9990.com/>

2025-2026 Executive

Chaplain	Fr Joseph Thomas	
Grand Knight	Mike Patterson	mike-patterson@shaw.ca
Deputy GK	Neil Fernandes	neilfernandes87@gmail.com
Chancellor	Jim Loftus	jimloftus@shaw.ca
Recorder	Mick Brzoza	mickbrzoza@gmail.com
Financial Secretary	Mike Finch	manddfinch@shaw.ca
Treasurer	Jainshaw	jainshaw@shaw.ca
Advocate	Rick Jones	repjone@shaw.ca
Warden	Alex Khoustaba	alexkconst@gmail.com
Lecturer	Mike Patterson	mike-patterson@shaw.ca
Inside Guard	Jiyo Lonappan	jivolonappan@gmail.com
Outside Guard	Bong Banting	mgbanting@gmail.com
Trustee 1 year	Rob Schiefele	robbev@hotmail.com
Trustee 2 year	Ed McDonald	bin2c@shaw.ca
Trustee 3 year	Ian Halowaty	idh2017@telus.net
Immediate PGK	Norbert Grillmair	grillmairn@gmail.com
District Deputy 21	Garry Shepp	yrrag45@gmail.com
Insurance Agent	JM Hernandez	joseph.hernandez@kofc.org
BC Charity Appeal Chairman	Dale Hofer	ticketchair@gmail.com
State Deputy	Ed Nacar	statedeputy@kofcbc.org

PROGRAM DIRECTORS

PROGRAM DIRECTOR	Neil Fernandes	
FAMILY DIRECTOR	Gerald St. Pierre	gandestp@gmail.com
COMMUNITY	Mick Brzoza	mickbrzoza@gmail.com
WEB MASTER	Terry Hayes	Gerry Laporte
MEMBERSHIP	Jim Loftus	
NEWSLETTER	Terry Hayes	Gerry Laporte
RETENTION	Mike Finch	
PANCAKE BREAKFAST	Mike Finch	Ed McDonald
AWARDS	Norbert Grillmair	
BURSARIES	Donn Sherry	
EYE GLASSES	Pierre LeGal	
CHURCH	Ed Landy	landrydored09@gmail.com
COATS FOR KIDS	Pierre LeGal	Pierre LeGal
YOUTH	Ed McDonald	bin2c@shaw.ca
GARAGE SALE	Mike Smith	smithgm@shaw.ca
Life		

Sep Birthdays

Rick Jones

Rob Schiefele

Dennis Tan

Mike Mezzabara

Ken Lingenfelter

Garry Shepp

Irvin Jumang-IT

Vincent Potvin

Timothy Franklin

Pierre LeGal

Larry McCafferty

Mitchell Burchert

Gerry Laporte

Good of the Order

- ◆ Brother Mike Harrigan and wife Gay
- ◆ Brother & PGK Aurel Muego
- ◆ Widow Betty Young
- ◆ Brother John Vanreeuwyk
- ◆ Widow Norma Dumas
- ◆ Brother Les Taylor
- ◆ Widow Shirley Foucher

*Do you know someone who needs prayers?
Send his / her name to the editor to include a name.*

Sep Anniversaries

Rick & Pauline Jones 36

Dave & Maureen Lowden 55

Ed & Janet McDonald 57

Austin & Barbara Ann Gilbert 60

Father Sam, a warm-hearted priest from Ghana, is temporarily serving at Trinity Catholic Church during this transitional period as we eagerly await the arrival of Fr. Joseph. In an engaging conversation with PGK Norbert, it was discovered that Father Sam had never experienced the breathtaking beauty of the West Coast of the Island. Seizing the opportunity, Norbert graciously offered to show him the stunning sites between Nanaimo and Tofino.

Their adventure took them to the charming village of Coombs, where they marveled at the quirky goats grazing on the roof of the local grocery store. They then ventured to picturesque Ucluelet and the expansive sands of Long Beach, basking in the natural beauty surrounding them. The winding and steep climb to Tofino revealed even more wonders, as Father Sam was treated to the area's iconic attractions.

Father Sam was thrilled to catch a glimpse of the West Coast's splendor and will soon return to Ghana, carrying with him fond memories of this beautiful visit. We wish him a safe journey home and express our heartfelt gratitude for his time spent with Trinity Catholic Parish.



Pictures of Fr Sam's visit to the West Coast.



DID YOU KNOW? by Allan Crowe

THE TWELVE APOSTLES

What Happened to the Twelve Apostles and How Did They Die? This column will spend the next few months highlighting one or two of the Apostles lives. The Bible teaches that the original 12 disciples of Jesus Christ were these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. Judas was replaced by Matthias.

Matthias replaces Judas, so one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles. (Acts 1:21-26)

The apostles were not the kind of group you might have expected Jesus to send forth on his mission to reach the world. There was nothing incredibly unique or spectacular about them.

The twelve apostles were just ordinary working men. But Jesus formed them into the backbone of the church and gave them the most extraordinary task imaginable: calling the entire world, including the mightiest empire ever known, to repentance and faith in the risen Christ. You can be sure that any educated, first-century Roman citizen would have laughed at any prediction that, within three centuries, the Christian faith would be the official faith of the empire. Meanwhile the holy apostles and disciples of our Saviour were dispersed throughout the world.

Now you know



FUTURE EVENTS

Sep 01 Labour Day

Sep 02 General Meeting

Sep 18 Planning Meeting

Sep 28 Pancake Breakfast

Oct 05 Life Chain 2-3

Dec 05 Christmas Dinner

What did the grape say when it got stepped on? Nothing - but it let out a little whine

I have a few jokes about unemployed people, but none of them work

Will glass coffins be a success? It Remains to be seen

What's the difference between a hippo and a zippo?

One is really heavy and the other is a little lighter Two wind-mills are standing in a wind farm.

One asks, “What's your favorite kind of music?”

The other says, “I'm a big metal fan.”

I went to buy some camouflage trousers yesterday but couldn't find any.

I tried to sue the airline for losing my luggage. I lost my case.

I used to think I was indecisive; now I'm not so sure



Captain Alexandro Malaspina Assembly 34 2024-2025 Executive

Faithful Friar

Faithful Navigator

Faithful Comptroller

Faithful Captain

Faithful Admiral

Faithful Purser

Faithful Pilot

Faithful Scribe

Faithful Inner Sentinel

Faithful Outer Sentinel

Faithful Trustee (1-Year)

Faithful Trustee Second Year

Andrew Airriess

Mike Finch

Brian King

Jim Loftus

Warren McCormick

Garnet Gauthier

Hans Fadum

Dominic Petraroia

Daniel Bossert

Denis Berube

Terry Hayes

Ryan DeHaan

aaairriess@msn.com

manddfinch@shaw.ca

brianking@shaw.ca

jimloftus@shaw.ca

warrenmcc@shaw.ca

gigauthier2009@hotmail.com

kc3842@shaw.ca

dominic@balmoralgroup.com

maridan0000@gmail.com

denal@shaw.ca

tghaves37@gmail.com

ryan.dehaan@kofc.org

Master BC & Yukon



Maintenance Committee— Mick Brzoza

On August 12, Mick Brzoza and a dedicated team of knights made a commendable effort to steam-clean at least 200 hall chairs. A four-man team came out on this fine day to tackle a much-needed job. Two members focused on wiping down the chairs after the other two steam cleaned the chairs. The cleaning took place outside the church, allowing for efficient drying under the sun. After completing the task, the team took a well-deserved break for lunch, leaving the chairs to dry thoroughly in the sun. Special thanks are extended to Norbert Grillmair, Brad Luoma, and Mike Mezzabarba for their hard work and commitment to maintaining the church's facilities.





Obituary of Brother Chuck) Rieger

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Charles Edward Rieger, devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. Born in Manitoba on February 25, 1940, to Joe and Julia Rieger, Charles lived a life marked by quiet strength, unwavering generosity, and deep love for his family.

Charles is lovingly remembered by his wife, Diane, with whom he shared 60 wonderful years of marriage -a partnership built on love, respect, and enduring commitment. Together, they raised three children: Leanne (Mike), Allyson (David), and Duane. He was a cherished grandfather to Samantha, Carson and Rylan.

He is also survived by his brother Leo (Shirley), and sisters Evie (Danny) and Donna (George). Charles held close in memory his parents and sisters Elaine and Frieda who predeceased him.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday August 23rd at 11:00 at Trinity Catholic Church (6234 Spartan Road). In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Alzheimer's Society.

Nicole Oliver-Hurren



CHUCK REIGER - A KNIGHT FOR ALL SEASONS

Today, we remember the remarkable life of Brother Charles "Chuck" Rieger, a cherished knight and honorary life member whose contributions have left an indelible mark on our community.

For years, Chuck organized our annual garage sale, turning it into a beloved event that brought us all together. It often proved to be one of our most successful fundraisers for our charitable activities. His enthusiasm was infectious as exemplified during our pancake breakfasts, where he actively participated, ensuring everyone felt welcome and nourished. One of Chuck's most endearing roles was as Santa at our Christmas dinner, delighting the children and reminding us all of the joy of giving and community spirit.

Chuck's commitment extended beyond these events; he played an integral role in maintaining our church, always ready to lend a hand. His efforts during our Canada Day celebrations were invaluable, not only in logistics but also in providing entertainment that brought smiles to all. As a long-time Warden, Chuck exemplified leadership, guiding us with wisdom and kindness. As a volunteer helper for Habitat For Humanity ReStore, Chuck earned a reputation for unselfish commitment and hard work. This brought great credit to himself as well as the Knights in general.

Chuck was not just a member; he was a cornerstone of our organization, dedicated to service and brotherhood in every endeavour he undertook. His absence will be deeply felt, but his legacy of service, laughter, and brotherhood will continue to inspire us.

Thank you, Chuck, for everything you've done; you will always hold a special place in our hearts.



Tending the BBQ at a Knights social at PGK Rich Pistone's



Receiving an award from GK Rich Pistone



Chuck and Wife Diane



Charity Appeal Sales

Paraprosdokians

Paraprosdokians are clever and humorous phrases that often take a surprising twist at the end. They play with expectations and can be quite amusing. They are effective in highlighting the absurdities of life and human behavior. These figures of speech can be used in various contexts, from casual conversation to speeches and writing, to elicit laughter or provoke thought.

1. Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
2. The last thing I want to do is hurt you ...but it's still on my list.
3. Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
4. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
5. We never grow up -- we only learn how to act in public.
6. War does not determine who is right, only who is left.
7. Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
8. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
9. I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
10. In filling out an application, where it says, In case of an emergency, notify...; I answered a doctor.
11. Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy.
12. You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.
13. I used to be indecisive, but now I'm not so sure.
14. To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.
15. Going to church doesn't make you a Christian, any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.
16. You are never too old to learn something stupid.
17. I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it's getting harder and harder for me to find someone older than me.

In George Washington's days, there were no cameras. One's image was either sculpted or painted. Some paintings of George Washington showed him standing behind a desk with one arm behind his back while others showed both legs and both arms. Prices charged by painters were not based on how many people were to be painted, but by how many limbs were to be painted. Arms and legs are 'limbs,' therefore painting them would cost the buyer more. Hence the expression, 'Okay, but it'll cost you an arm and a leg.' (Artists know hands and arms are more difficult to paint)





LIFE CHAIN

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025

Join thousands across Canada standing
against abortion in a peaceful, prayerful demonstration!

What do you call a super articulate dinosaur?
A. Thesaurus

Sleeping comes so naturally to me, I could do it with my eyes closed